

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 14 with the following paragraph:

--The primers shown were synthesized by MWG Biotech (Ebersberg, Germany) and the PCR reaction was carried out by the standard PCR method of Innis et al. (PCR protocols. A guide to methods and applications, 1990, Academic Press) with the Taq-polymerase from Boehringer Mannheim (Germany, Product Description Taq DNA polymerase, Product No. 1 146 165). With the aid of the polymerase chain reaction, the primers allow amplification of an internal fragment of the citA gene [[480]] 481 bp in size. The product amplified in this way was tested electrophoretically in a 0.8% agarose gel.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 5 with the following paragraph:

--The following microorganism was deposited as a pure culture ~~on 23.01.2001~~ at the German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, Mascheroder Weg 1b, D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany on January 23, 2001 in accordance with the Budapest Treaty:

- Escherichia coli Top10/pCR2.1citAint as DSM 13998.--